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Applicants' attorney notes that U.S. Patent No. 6,255,502 is discussed and incorporated by reference into the specification of the present application (see page 10 of the specification). In addition, applicants' attorney notes that an English-language translation of International Patent Publication No. WO 98/20839 is presently not available. However, applicants will provide the United States Patent and Trademark Office with appropriate English-language translations upon the Examiner's request for same. In the meantime, applicants' attorney notes that this International Publication contains an English-language abstract.

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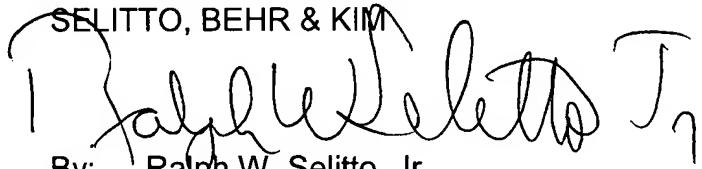
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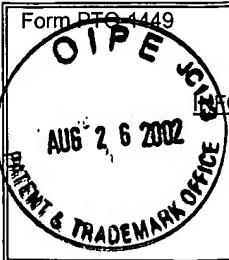
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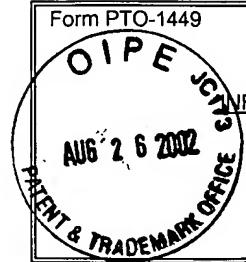
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